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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Second Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the reference cited thereon. A copy of a European Search Report issued in a counterpart European Application on December 13, 2002 is also enclosed. Applicants request that the reference be made of record herein.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney.
- Note that the further references listed in the European Search Report were already cited in this application in the Information Disclosure Statement of March 9, 2001.
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- The present reference AH is in English and therefore does not require any particular discussion. Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of reference AH by category (X = relevant for anticipation or obviousness when considered alone).
- Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 7) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 11 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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